

1-1 By: Smith of Tarrant, Pena (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.B. No. 1519
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2007;
1-3 May 1, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 17, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 17, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to including within the offense of barratry and
1-9 solicitation of professional employment certain solicitations made
1-10 during certain periods.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 38.12, Penal Code, is amended by adding
1-13 Subsection (d-1) and amending Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-14 (d-1) A person commits an offense if:

1-15 (1) the person is a chiropractor, physician, surgeon,
1-16 or private investigator licensed to practice in this state, or is
1-17 licensed, certified, or registered by a health care regulatory
1-18 agency of this state;

1-19 (2) the person, with the intent to obtain professional
1-20 employment for the person or another person, solicits or causes to
1-21 be solicited, in person or by telephone, employment that relates to
1-22 a personal injury sustained in an accident or disaster involving
1-23 the solicited person or a relative of that person; and

1-24 (3) the solicitation described by Subdivision (2)
1-25 occurs before the 31st day after the date the accident or disaster
1-26 occurred.

1-27 (g) Except as provided by Subsection (h), an offense under
1-28 Subsection (d) or (d-1) is a Class A misdemeanor.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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